

Sudbury Garden Club  
Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

**Attendance**

Barbara Baumgardner, Lynn Noland, Kaffee Kang, Marilyn Hodges, Beth Iosua, Jo Ann Forester, Patti Walch, Helen Crary, Leslie Lowe, Ann Boland, Janelle Landrigan, Barbara Fay

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 Board meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 27, 2021. All were in favor.

**Budget (2021-2022)**

Janelle asked the committees to provide estimates for funds needed for next year's budget by May 20, 2021. Ann will put this request in the Grapevine.

**Committee Reports**

**Annual meeting/Hospitality**

Helen Crary has offered her yard for the Club's annual meeting on June 9; 3pm-5pm was the suggested time. The rain date will be the following day. The RSVP date will be May 30. Helen will need at least two (possibly 3) tents, and at least 24 chairs (6 people bringing 4 chairs each). (Leslie and Lynn each have 8 chairs, and Marilyn, Jo Ann, and Janelle can bring 4 each). Helen has chairs as well. The food will be snack/finger food (cheese and crackers, fruit, etc) so tables are needed only to hold the food.

Members will be invited to wear fancy hats and we will vote on the best garden hats. Jo Ann will put together a container for a free raffle. The budget is \$50 for the arrangement.

Helen also needs general help. Marilyn Hodges, Lynn, and Barbara B have offered. Ann B. will do the invitation.

**Communications**

Ann has requested that Grapevine articles be submitted as soon as possible.

**Community Outreach**

If the Club has extra geraniums from the plant sale, they may go to Meals on Wheels.

**Membership**

Forty-eight members have renewed their membership: 36 active, (4 new), 6 supporting, 5 associates, and 1 family. There are 16 active and 3 supporting members who have not yet renewed. Ann will call members whom we haven't heard from. Members have offered to help make the calls.

The member whose membership the club has offered to pay has declined. They sent in \$85, of which \$5 is a donation.

No member has volunteered to organize garden treks; however, members are encouraged to invite members to their gardens.

### **Philanthropy**

Last year's financial files will be consulted as to the remaining philanthropy amounts.

### **Plant Sale**

The plant sale is on-line this year. There have been lots of sales; however, there is not enough inventory, and many plants are sold out. The hanging baskets are selling very slowly. There is a meeting at LSRHS on Thursday afternoon to discuss the set up, pop up sale, and other details regarding the distribution of plants. Wagons are needed. Members will be instructed to bring their own chairs and snacks.

Jeanne Maloney is assembling thank you bags for our customers. Pauline will do the plant sale analysis and present it at the May board meeting. Members need to be reminded to take pictures of their plants when they are in bloom.

### **Programs**

The Programs Committee has lined up speakers for next season's meetings. The September meeting will be indoors at the MCC. Speakers will be invited to speak in person with the understanding that it may have to be a Zoom presentation if gathering restrictions are imposed by the state. Some of the speakers charge a lower fee for a Zoom presentation.

The Thursday Club is not in favor of a joint meeting if it must be virtual, and would cancel the meeting if that were the case. The speaker that they have selected is available for a joint meeting in November only.

Hospitality expectations for the in person meetings was discussed. There will be no evening meeting this year. Alternative venues such as the Wayside Inn and Camp Sewataro were discussed as possible outdoor meeting venues, although accessing WiFi could be a challenge.

There will be no general meeting in May.

Senior service day is Tuesday, June 1, from 9-1:00.

### **Publicity**

Barbara Fay submitted photos and the Club received good publicity in the *Town Crier*.

### **Scholarship**

The Scholarship Committee will be meeting next week.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41.

Respectfully,

Beth Iosua

Co-Secretary